

# Here's to bees!



**World Bee Day Friday 20th May 2022**

Bees are pollinators playing a critical role in healthy ecosystems and food production but due to a number of factors, their numbers have been declining significantly in recent years.

## Here's some tips on how to bee friendly

### 1 Plant bee friendly flowers

Plant them in your garden or in a pot on your patio, balcony or windowsill. Bees love traditional cottage garden flowers and native wildflowers, like primrose, buddleia, and marigolds.

### 2 Make a bee water station

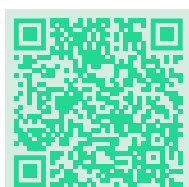
Fill a shallow bowl with stones or marbles (so they have something to rest on) and fill with water. To revive a tired bee, mix two teaspoons of white granulated sugar with one teaspoon of water and put it on a plate or drip on a flower.

### 3 Keep it long

Many types of bees love long grass. Try to cut your lawn less often or leave a section of your garden untended so bees can feed and shelter.

### 4 Build an 'insect hotel'

Put in a hedge, bush or hang somewhere sheltered to provide a home for bees and other insects. Scan the code below to find out how to make your own.



### 5 Eat sustainable honey

Look to buy your honey from beekeepers who practice bee farming sustainably. You can find your local beekeeper's association by scanning the code below.

